

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS
BOARD RULE CHAPTER # 157 RULES OF THE GEORGIA BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS, RULE # 157-2 LICENSURE
REQUIREMENTS, 157-2-.03 VOLUNTEERS IN DIETETICS
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

RULE 157-2-.03 VOLUNTEERS IN DIETETICS

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians (hereinafter “Board”) proposes an amendment to Rule 157-2-.03 Volunteers in Dietetics (herein after “proposed rule”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at [Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians | Georgia Secretary of State \(ga.gov\)](https://www.ga.gov/boards) Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment at a public hearing to be held at **9:15 a.m. on Friday, December 8, 2023** in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. If the Board office remains closed due to the public health emergency (COVID-19), the hearing will be held via teleconference. Please see the Board’s website for information on how to join the meeting via teleconference.

Interested parties affected by the rule may submit written comments to the Board no later than the close of business on **December 1, 2023**. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Gabriel Sterling, Interim Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Written comments may be e-mailed to ExamBoards-Healthcare@sos.ga.gov.

During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

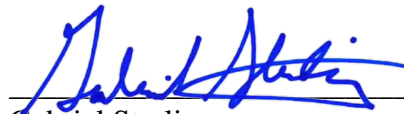
The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meeting on **September 15, 2023**. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-1-28, 43-11A-7, and 43-11A-15. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-1-28, 43-11A-7, and 43-11A-15 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Dietetics.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians has the authority to adopt proposed Rule 157-2-.03 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-1-28, 43-11A-7, and 43-11A-15.

For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 16th day of October, 2023.



Gabriel Sterling
Interim Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: Oct 16, 2023

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
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Purpose: The purpose of the proposed adoption is to meet the statutory requirements of O.C.G.A. § 43-1-28. Volunteers in health care specialties by adopting this rule.

Rule 157-2-.03 [~~Repealed~~] Volunteers in Dietetics

(1) The Board shall issue a volunteer license to dietitians who:

(a) Submit an application for a special volunteer license to the Board; or

(b) Hold a current, unrestricted license in good standing to practice dietetics in any licensing jurisdiction of the United States; or if the applicant is retired from the practice of dietetics and not currently engaged in such practice either full time or part time and has, prior to retirement, maintained full, unrestricted licensure in good standing in any licensing jurisdiction of the United States.

(2) The volunteer licensee shall be permitted to practice dietetics only in the noncompensated employ of public agencies or institutions, not for profit agencies, not for profit institutions, nonprofit corporations, or not for profit associations which provide health care specialty services only to indigent patients in areas which are underserved by that specialty or critical need population areas of the state, as determined by the Board, or pursuant to Article 8 of Chapter 8 of Title 31.

(3) The person applying for the volunteer license under this Code section shall submit to the Board a copy of his or her health care specialty degree, a copy of his or her health care specialty license in his or her current or previous licensing and regulating jurisdiction, and a notarized statement from the employing agency, institution, corporation, association, or health care program on a form prescribed by that board, whereby he or she agrees unequivocally not to receive compensation for any health care specialty services he or she may render while in possession of the special license.

(4) Any applicant for a volunteer license who has not been actively engaged in the direct observation and treatment of patients within the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of application may, at the Board's discretion, be required to pass an examination administered by the Board or a testing agency designated and approved by the Board.

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Authority: O.C.G.A. §§43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-1-28, 43-11A-7, and 43-11A-15.

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